Another Look At 'What's Wrong With Lane'

'Golden 200' Dominates Activities

By Bob Neumeister

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second of a series of interpretative articles providing an editorial probe into different aspects and problems found in Lane High School.

Half a league, half a league, half a league onward, into the valley of activity charges the 200. At Lane, as in many public high schools across the nation, a large gap exists between the college-bound student and the student preparing to enter the business world. Unfortunately, even among those college-bound, there exists a Golden 200—those who virtually control all school centered activities.

In a school with an enrollment of well over 1000, a small minority controls most activities. A quick look at the club section of the Chain clearly indicates that the same people belong to most of the clubs. For the most part, these students are the same college-bound members of the high school society. Even among the college majority, a great percentage do not participate in extra-curricular events.

It is well known that many DE and VOT students do not have time for extra-curricular activities because on the job training takes up most of their time. Yet, many students who do have the spare time do not seem interested in participating in extra-curricular activities. Perhaps there is a genuine lack of interest on students' parts, or perhaps there is a fear of not being accepted by the ruling few.

At Lane a small minority of the students belong to all the clubs, participate in all the athletics, and hold all the elected offices. Naturally, these students become the most prominent people in school, forming a clique. Although not the fault of the more prominent students, the cliques present formidable groupings which are discouraging to those students who feel they are on the outside.

With so few doing so much, it is obvious that these golden few are being overworked. Many members of the Student Council and other organizations find themselves unable to do an adequate joy of anything because they are too busy. This situation is unfortunate because there are many students whose talents could be used.

Several solutions to the problem may exist. One way to bring more people into the scope of activity would be for the Student Council to lead the way toward establishing a club day. This day would be conducted every two weeks for 30 minutes during which the clubs would meet. At present Albemarle High School employs such a plan, and it seems to be quite successful. By meeting during the day, all students including DE and VOT members would have a chance to participate in clubs.

Another way to increase student participation would be to initiate a school-wide point system. A student's activities would be assigned certain point values, and then students would be limited to a maximum number of points.

This probe is in no way intended to criticize those students who do hold prominent positions in the school. The idea is to point out that more students should participate in school activities.

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Teen Council Promotes New Activities For Local Teenagers

Last Monday night at the City Council meeting the Charlottesville-Albemarle Teen Council reached one of its first milestones in the form of official recognition from City Hall. Since its organization in 1964, the Teen Council has struggled to promote activities for all teenagers in the area.

During the summer the Council sponsored several dances, most of which met with failure. The City Recreation Department stepped in to lend its services after it appeared obvious that the Council was not effective.

Presently the 28 members from Lane, Albemarle, Rock Hill, and Burley meet every Monday to plan activities of interest to local teenagers. The members from Lane are Peggy Crispell, Charla Van Zant, Becky Rimmel, Wendy Allen, Ray Rorer, Harvard Birdsong, Steve Felger, and Steve McLean.

Crispell Presides

Peggy, who is currently serving as president, expressed the hope that, "more teenagers would take an interest in the Council and support its activities."

The Council is planning to sponsor a Quiz Bowl on WINA'S "Coca-Cola Hour" in December. Teams from Lane, Albemarle, Burley, and Saint Anne's will compete in a battle of the brains similar to the television show "College Bowl." The winning school will receive a trophy which would be defended annually.

New Year's Dance

A big New Year's Eve dance for teenagers is the Council's big project at present. The dance will be at the Recreation Center from 8 to 11:30 on New Year's Eve. Following the dance there will be an after party in a fraternity house running from 12 to 2. The Recreation Center will be decorated so that the usual atmosphere will be more conducive to having a good time.

Casper and the Ghost Riders will play for the main dance and admission will be $1 a person. The after party will feature "The Underground" one of Charlottesville's newer combos. Admission is 50 cents a person to the after party.

System Changes

One student commenting on the ineffectiveness of the Council said, "the members are not real representatives of the school because they were picked by their predecessors." However, the selection of members will change this year.

Sometime in the spring, new members will be elected at random from their respective classes. Each class will place two members on the Council. By making Teen Council and elected position, it is hoped that students will take a greater interest in the Council.

Right now the Council is laying the ground work for next year. The idea is to give the Council a better name and a position of prominence in the community. If events go right, the Council will try to organize a teen center or teenage night club later in the year.

Band to Present Annual Concert

Traditional Christmas music and scenery will create a Yuletide setting at the band concert to be given Dec. 11 in the Lane High auditorium. A brass quartet composed of Roy Thomas and Bill Archer, coronets; Mike Walker, trombone; and Barrett Payne, baritone will play traditional carols over the front entrance prior to the concert.

Handel's "Overture to the Messiah," Gruber's "Silent Night, Holy Night," and Yon's "Gesu Bambino" are among the sacred numbers to be included in the concert.

Lighter compositions are a combination of sacred and secular songs including "The Christmas Suite," "Rudolph, the Red-nosed Reindeer," and "A Christmas Festival."

The annual performance of "White Christmas," a modern arrangement of "Jingle Bells," and a medley entitled "A Trip to Toy Town" will also be included.

Mr. Sharon Hoose, band director, says, "A medley of Christmas tunes, 'A Christmas Festival,' seems to be the band's favorite piece. During the rehearsal we go over all the numbers and usually choose one to repeat. The band generally selects this medley." Mr. Hoose explains that the entire program was given for the student body, so there will be room for the public on Dec. 11.

Lighting and staging for the concert are the work of various committees in the band.

LHS Sees Broadway Play

Huffing, puffing, and mumbling complaints, the entire student body of Lane High School descended *en masse* on the Paramount Theatre the morning of Dec. 6. This unprecedented pilgrimage was an attempt at introducing the principals of drama to high school students.

The 1965 Pulitzer Prize winning play, "The Subject Was Roses" by Frank D. Gilroy was presented by the Virginia Museum Theatre Arts Division. The production was sponsored by PAVE—Performing Arts in Virginia Education.

The play itself has an easily conprehendible plot, in which incidents occur that might happen to anyone.

"The Subject Was Roses" is called a "comedy-drama" by Mr. Gilroy which may seem contradictory, but actually implies both humorous and serious situations occuring in one's life.

A large majority of high school students, PAVE determined, has never witnessed a live performance by professional actors. Therefore, PAVE decided to experiment with a traveling troupe who would present a play of significance in order to give students a better understanding of drama, its functions and procedures.

After the performance there was a question and answer period in which students were informed about sets, costumes, props, and other facets of play production.

$17,000 Steno Lab Completes Modern Business Facilities

By Mary Ellen Kidd

Had you been taking aspirins for the headache caused by the infernal pounding in room 114? Did you want to get with your classmates and surround the workmen?

Relax, the pounding has stopped and the golden $17,000 room of Lane High is completed. The business teachers love it and the students fall asleep in the plush chairs.

Lane's new room has all new electric equipment such as, electric typewriters, tape recorder with three stations, and 30 transmittors. New L-shaped desks and cushioned swiveling chairs are included.

The tape recorder has 30 stations and a transmitter for each student. The three stations of the tape recorder are each of a different speed. The students, therefore, can learn at the right speed for herself.

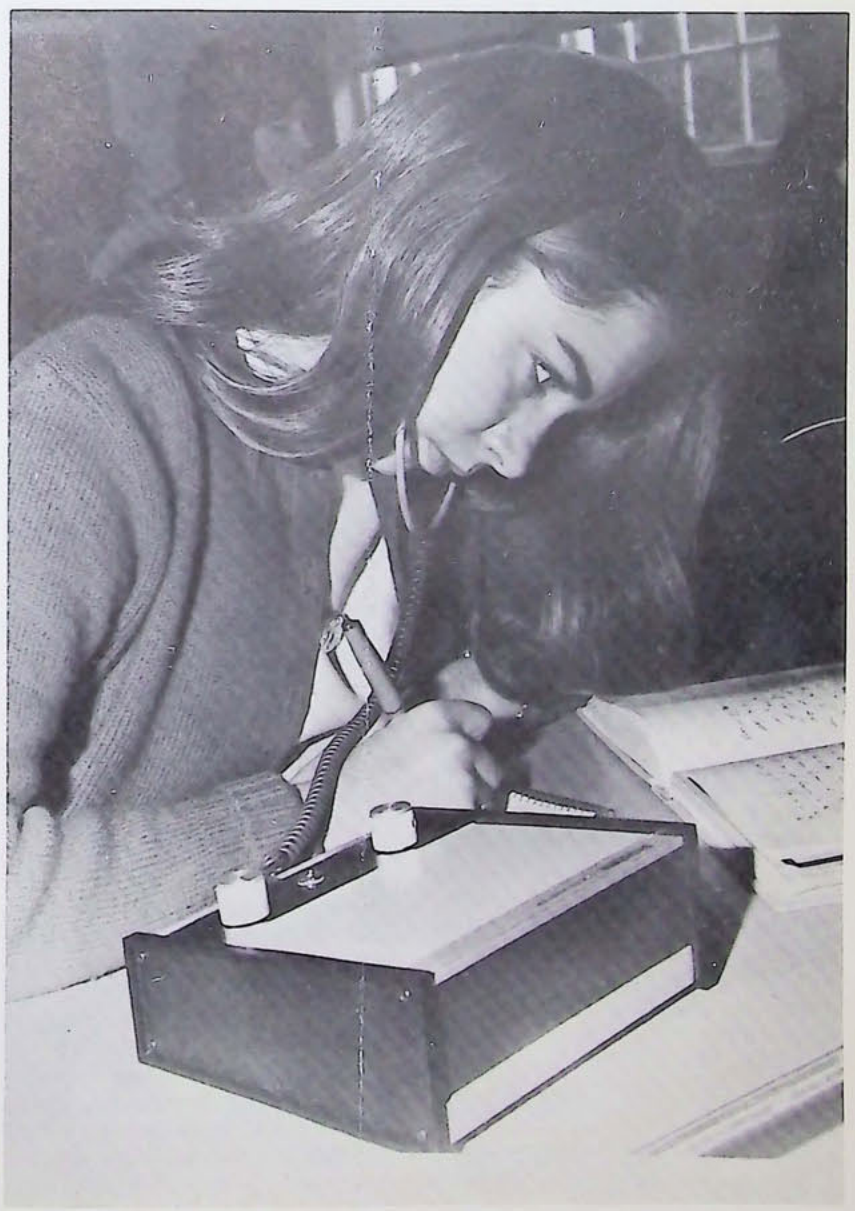
Mrs. Virginia Bowen stated this particular room had been in mind for about four years. It was seen during a demonstration and it was decided to have one available for the Lane business students.

The teachers who use this room, commented, "It makes teaching more effective. The students hear a man's voice instead of a woman's. Most likely the secretary's boss will be a man."

"The room is set up as close to the office type as possible," added Mrs. Gliptis.

The Steno Lab is used by Shorthand I, II and Typing classes. Tying students use the lab to learn the keyboard at their own particular speed.

The students of Lane also have reactions to the room. From one boy's mumbled, "Uh, well, its okay, comfortable" to a more outspoken girl's, "Since I go so slow in shorthand dictation, I'll be able to go at my own speed and not be left behind."



Cindy Dowell uses a new dictaphone found in the $17,000 business room. The old room 114 was renovated recently to aid the business department in teaching the most up to date techniques.

Editorials

A Thousand Pardons

The atmosphere of academic freedom so apparent at Lane is one of our school's finest assets. It is a privilege which can be taken advantage of, and one that should never be abused. The Lanetime staff is aware of the respect and responsibility with which this privilege must be utilized. We have always strived to report the truth with maximum regard for the consequences. However, we have never failed to speak out on a subject even though our doing so might have meant stepping on more than a few toes. Unfortunately, as the result of a recent editorial, we must speak out on an "open mouth, insert foot" basis.

The intentions of last issue's editorial were honorable enough—we were merely making a plea for recognition and support of facets of Lane other than varsity sports. We sought to lay blame on someone somewhere, and in doing so we were mistaken. Haphazard reporting resulted in outright untruths appearing within the editorial. Our own attitude to the matter at hand resulted in a misrepresentation and slanting of that which was true.

First and foremost, the defunct hockey team was, according to the Virginia High School League rules, a school budgeted activity, and not the responsibility of the athletic department. Funds were appropriated by the administration for shin guards and they were duly purchased says Mr. Barnett.

As was stated in the earlier editorial, neither space nor supervisors are available for intramural sports. However, we omitted any statement concerning the number of times the Lane High administration has requested an addition to its faculty to sponsor intramural activities and has met with refusal.

More important than these details is the general outlook we presented in our editorial. We had no intention of appearing anti-sports, nor did we even wish to begrudge our successful teams the enjoyment of their fair share of glory. Our primary intention was not to criticize the greatest football team in the nation, but to build up the interest in endeavors of less universal interest—athletic, intellectual, and artistic—to a level equal to that on which varsity sports exist. Rather than placing the blame for the present lack of interest on the administration as extensively as we did, our call to arms should have been directed to those who wish to develop their capabilities in school-sponsored activities. For our errors we are sincerely sorry. Because of our mistakes our original hopes in writing the comment may have been forsaken. Hopefully though our original hope remains clear, and that again is the betterment of the students.

The Office of T.L.C.

The Lanetime would like to recognize the office staff for all the attention, care, and assistance that students receive when the office staff takes care of their "cuts and bruises." Along with all other duties, the office staff has already handled over 500 sick people, each requiring a call home and a sick blank. Even though they have no professional ability to determine illness, they can give permission for a sick student to go home. The students at Lane owe a debt of gratitude to a diligent and dedicated office staff.

Vox Populi

Student Criticizes Campaign

To the Editor:

I was appallel by the tactics employed by the Independent Revisionists in their campaign.

In the assembly, the I. R. candidates made many statements, some of which were outright falsehoods. For example, one I. R. Candidate charged that the slides used by one of the GOP candidates in his speech were not of Garrett Street as stated, but of Vinegar Hill. This is false. The slides in question were obtained from A. E. Arrington, director of the Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority, who stated that his pictures were of Garrett Street.

Also, the I. R.'s charge that the GOP plan of eliminating parking meters and making up the revenue by the sales tax was impossible. They said the sales tax is used basically for education. This is not true. According to Charlottesville Vice-Mayor Dr. R. S. Johnson the sales tax is used for "capital improvements" (buildings of any type).

Finally, perhaps the most ridiculous assertion made by the I. R.'s was that if Lane students wanted continued over-crowded conditions and poor teachers' salaries, they should vote GOP; thus apparently they blamed the Republicans for the present conditions. To blame the Charlottesville GOP is absurd. Until this September there has been only one GOP office-holder in Charlottesville in a generation! The present school situation is the direct result of local Democrats, not the GOP.

The most hypocritical position was taken when the I. R.'s charged that the GOP would be controlled by party bosses. It was the I. R.'s who sent their platform to the Democratic Virginia Governor Mills E. Godwin for endorsement. He did not endorse it.

During and after the assembly the Republicans were given no chance for rebuttal. They were challenged to debate by the I. R.'s the day before the election, when there was no time for such a debate to take place.

Again let me say that I am not writing to cry over the defeat of the candidates I supported, but rather to point out the shameful tactics used by the winners, tactics which turned Student Government Week into a mockery and made it rather an example of smear tactics than an exercise in good government.

Debra Branham
10th Grade

New Honor Code Introduced By Student Council

David Thacker, last year's Student Council president, can be credited with the creation and planning of the new honor code system introduced in last week's assembly. In the spring of 1966 David began correspondence with numerous Virginia high schools and colleges concerning varied honor codes. After studying the different systems he incorporated the best qualities of each and adapted them to produce Lane's new honor code.

The new honor code offers several improvements. Last year if a student desired to turn in an honor code offender, he was under obligation to turn in the offender's name and his own name as a witness. This year, however, students may fill out a slip designating the time and place of the offense. The name of the offender and witness can be left blank if the student desires. These slips may be turned over to the teacher of the class involved and this should indicate to her a need for stricter surveillance of the class. Student Council president, Scott Sewell expressed the hope that the new system will be effective.

SCA Meetings Cause Commotion; Interruptions Disturb Faculty

By Gordon Latter

"Attention please: There will be a Student Council meeting in the auditorium at this time." This announcement has been the source of discontent here at Lane High School. The precedent was set many years ago and had met with little objection until recently. But the rash of assemblies and meetings was reducing classroom time to the null set. Many teachers present their views on the question of having SCA meetings during class time.

Mr. Tom Clark, senior sponsor, states, "Time in school for SCA activities is, if not necessary, then at least a big help to the students. The really bothersome thing is the accumulation of interruptions that destroys so much valuable classroom time."

Miss Lillian Butt, a history and government teacher takes a similar view. "I think it's okay if advance notice is given so teachers can postpone a quiz to a later date." She also added, "The Student Council is an important part of the school and is a fine organization. I don't object as long as they give us notice in advance."

Miss Alice Elam, mathematics teacher, feels that since SCA meetings have been held the same way for years, she is not really opposed; but she would prefer them at another time. "I think it would be exceedingly nice if they could be held before or after school."

Mr. Tommy Theodose, football coach and physical education teacher feels that these meetings can become a nuisance. "It is especially disturbing when I am teaching in the classroom and the students are interrupted." He wonders why SCA meetings couldn't be conducted after school, just like other clubs.

Mr. John Reitz head of the science department states, "Well, I suppose it's okay, just so they all aren't during the same period. I think it's the best time [during class] just as long as they rotate the periods for the meetings." He feels that otherwise, the same students are missing their classwork.

Opinions Vary

Mrs. Jean Stephenson, a new teacher at Lane, thinks that conducting these meetings during classtime is a bad idea. She feels that it would be just as effective if the meetings were to take place in the early morning or after school. "It might inconvenience the Student Council members, but when they are conducted during classtime, they inconvenience all the students of the class as well as the teacher."

Mrs. Nancy Towler, a French teacher, has much to say about the situation. She feels that the SCA and other school organizations are necessary facets of school life.

She is in favor of having these organizations, but said "It is unfair to for the students to be interrupted during a class. Most of the students in my class are preparing for college and many of these students are Council members. They need more time to prepare for college and to pay more attention to their studies." She believes that valuable classtime is wasted by these interruptions.

She also commented that she visited Newton High School in Newport, Massachusetts, "one of the finer preparatory secondary schools in the country." In this school they organize their class day so that they have two periods x and y every week. These periods solve the problem of interruptions during classtime.

During these periods, all activities and meetings take place. If it is not possible to conduct all meetings during these two periods, they conduct them after school, but never do they take place during classtime."

Even when advance notice for an SCA meeting is given, Mrs. Towler points out, "They are, in fact, asking me to teach less that period. Actually, the same amount of damage is done and the same amount of classroom time is lost."

Mrs. Mary Tyrone, a sponsor for the Student Council is also distressed about the problem. She suggests that since there is no fixed date meeting date, there should be two scheduled meetings a month at 8:00 a.m. She does, however, urge teachers to cooperate when an emergency meeting is necessary. She points out, "It is an inconvenience for Student Council members to have to suddenly make new plans because an emergency meeting would have to be held after school, rather than during a class."

A Linguist's Request

To the Editor:

All in favor of German raise your right hand! Are you tired of Spanish, French, and Latin? I certainly am, and I know many who are also. I think it is time to break away from the three traditional languages taught in all little ole' country schools. Lane is not a little school. So, let's get moving! German, Russian, Italian: how do these sound?

I know we don't have enough room, and it is next to impossible to get teachers, but why let these things stop us? We'll make room; we'll find a teacher. It will take time, but in one or two years, I feel that Lane could add another language to its list. Come on, let's add a little spice to Lane High School. It needs it!

Thank you,
Gale Waldman
10th Grade

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Does Chewing Gum Lose its Flavor In Detention Hall?

By Mary Lee Tucker

"A fool and his chewing gum shall soon be parted" is the warning that glares from the bulletin board in room 315. Similar quotations have sprung up on the walls, chalk boards, and desks throughout Lane echoing the threat of the new chewing gum penalty.

Lane students have long been instructed that chewing gum on the school premises is a violation of regulations passed by the School Board. However, recently the penalty for the offense has been increased. According to the new rule, a student found guilty of chewing gum on school grounds is subject to a half hour in a detention hall. If the student repeats the offense he is automatically suspended from school. The student may return to classes only when accompanied by both parents.

Council Takes Action

The Student Council discussed the new chewing gum penalty in a recent meeting and voted on several suggestions favoring a less severe punishment for the offense. Janet Green, SCA secretary, explained that the penalty for the chewing gum rule is equal to the one for skipping. The Student Council feels that a less drastic and more suitable punishment would be requiring the disobediant student to scrape the delectably hardened wads of Juicy Fruit and Wrigley's Spearmint and other brands of gum from the desks for a day or two. "That oughta cure 'em—Y-E-E-C-H!" quipped one SCA member.

Other SCA members feel that there should be a time allotted each day in which students could chew gum. A "chewing pit" similar to the "nicotine pit" for smokers is the suggestion of still other SCA members. A letter enumerating the Student Council's suggestions has been sent to Mr. Nickels.

A buxom bunch of junior cheerleaders rally behind their winning team at the Powder Puff Bowl. From left the front chorus line includes Dale Hamilton, Bobby Roberts, Byron McCauley, Chuck Moran, and Joe Stallings.

Debators Mark 4th Year

1966 marks the fourth decade of Lane High School's Debate Club. Leaders of the club are Mrs. Helen Wilson, sponsor; Pete Lefebvre, president; Judi Whisman, vice-president; and Marcia McDonald, secretary.

Many sophomores, numerous juniors, and a handful of seniors make up the 1966-67 Debate Club.

Each year a subject is chosen that is debated the entire year. The topic for this debate session is foreign aid. On Nov. 11 eight team members attended a convention of Virginia high school debate clubs. The conference was conducted at the University of Va. in Cabell and Maury Halls.

After discussing foreign aid for four hours, the students attended a debate by the University team.

The purpose of the convention was to help the debators become more familiar with foreign aid and to learn debating skills.

Capital district and area schools are Lane's opponents this season. In the past year the team has surpassed all district schools, losing only once in the Capital District to Lane's arch enemy Freeman.

What is the state of the Debate Club? Pete Lefebvre says, "We're doing well, only we're off to our usual slow start!"

Then he added, "Last year's team consisted of three seniors and one sophomore. Therefore, this year's team lacks experience. We hope to make up this deficit with fresh new talent."

faces in the crowd

A familiar face in the office first period, Mrs. Andrioniki Gliptis, a Lane graduate, teaches three Typing I courses and one Typing II course, as well as night courses in Typing I. Mrs. Gliptis, who is expecting her first child in January, received her B.S. in Business Education from Madison College in 1966 and then began her teaching at Lane. "I have three sisters who graduated from Lane, and my husband George, who graduated from U.Va., is a lawyer in Charlottesville," says Mrs. Gliptis.

A former photography editor of the Walker Talker of Walker Junior High, Jeff Hawkwood comes to Lane this year as a sophomore. This past summer Jeff spent much of his time doing volunteer work at the University of Virginia Hospital; and he frequently works there now on weekends. Among Jeff's interests are collecting coins and dancing. Jeff comments about Lane, "It's a good school, but it's not very friendly and I think we have lousy school spirit."

Besides cultivating plants in a home-made greenhouse, Andy Rockett, a junior, also collects stamps. He won the Future Scientists of America award sponsored by the Ford Foundation in the field of biochemistry in 1965-66. He is a member of the Science, Players, and Debate Clubs. Despite his talents in the scientific world he is not sure about future in biochemistry.

"I enjoy swimming, sewing, and reading," states Mrs. Linda Dennis, a 1962 graduate of the University of North Carolina, "but I'm afraid grading papers takes up most of my time on the weekends." Mrs. Dennis teaches both sophomore and Junior English classes. She and her husband, Frank, who works at C. H. Williams, have a seven month old boy.

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Knight Lights

By Page Nelson

"Freeman seems to be everybody's pick to win the District, but I'd say Wythe and Tucker have good chances—there's us of course." Lane head Basketball Coach Chip Conner then added, "Of course, it's really impossible to do much more than guess when the season hasn't started yet."

Douglas Freeman made things closer for the Knights last year than most Lane fans care to remember. This tough Rebel team is almost intact after graduation, with the Brothers Barney, Craig at 6-5 and his smaller sibling, Hank, who both proved to be tough competitors.

Knights Meet Springers

Lane opens the season against Highland Springs at home, on Dec. 9. The Springers have eight returning lettermen and two starters, both guards. There is also the mythical threat of two 6-5 transfer students who, according to Coach Conner, "could be tough." The coach further adds, "Since they'll be fairly small, they'll probably try to press us into the floor—they like to do that."

On Tuesday the third, the Knights play host to John Marshall, a team with three returning starters among seven lettermen. Lack of size could mean the Knights will encounter more man for man and pressing. A fine J. V. team a year ago could make the Justices a difficult team to predict.

Return to Tigerland

The Knights hit the road three days later to make their first appearance at J. R. Tucker since Tiger fans showered last year's Lane squad with ice, money, and salty language. The Tiger cagers will be strong enough to skip crowd participation. Returning at center will be All-District Bruce Olsen, 6-4, 200 pounds. Dickie Boswell, a guard, proved to be a spasmodic scoring threat last year. The District's strongest J. V. team a year ago has three juniors in starting berths.

The Knights need a strong start in a district where "sink-or-swim" could be the order of the season.

Varsity football managers (l) John Atkins, Malon Updike, Dee Hawkins, and Russell Otis strike a pose while taking a break from their rigorous duties.

Photo by Atkins

Conner Rises From Mud

By Randy Page and Frankie Allen

Few athletes have ever graduated from the University of Virginia with the popularity, respect and admiration that Chip Conner achieved during his stay at Virginia. Not only was Conner admired for his basketball ability but for his academic prowess, mild manner, and cool tempered personality which earned him much respect from the people of Charlottesville and the students at Lane.

Living on a farm in his birthplace, South Boston, Conner knew little of basketball until he attended a Hampden-Sydney basketball game at the age of 13. "That's for me," exclaimed young Conner and so his climb to basketball nobility began.

Conner Inspired

The next day Conner built a basketball goal, and erected a light for night play. "I've often shoveled snow from my court to play in the mud," commented the Coach.

He attended Halifax High School in South Boston where he still holds the school's scoring record of 35 points in a single game. He was named Virginia High School Player of the year and was offered a grant and aid to the University of Virginia.

University fans remember many great moments in his illustrious career. But the biggest thrill of his entire career was "Chip Conner Night." Unfortunately because of a serious operation Conner was unable to play or even attend the game.

Following the advice of Charlie Echman, a highly respected official and coach, he decided to forgo professional ball. After completing his varsity career at Virginia he was named to the first team ACC, honorable mention All-American, and Academic All-American.

Mr. Conner wanted to coach high school basketball and after a year of assistant coaching he stepped in to fill the position vacated by Mr. Dave Cook. "I was very fortunate to receive a group 1-A school, some coaches wait all their lives and never leave the 1-B bracket," said coach Conner.

It seems that something went right somewhere since Conner's first team finished third in the state.

Managers Face Wrath, Bottles; See Duty Through

By James Duff

"Being a manager is dangerous work," according to Dee Hawkins a manager for the Lane football team. But being brave is only another of the many qualities required to hold a position as manager.

Dee also explains that in order to be a manager one must have "a long temper and lots of nerve." John Atkins, another senior manager, adds "Most people don't appreciate us." However, both boys agree that they manage the team so "We could get a letter and work with the team."

John and Dee are the most experienced of this year's squad which includes Russell Otis, Malon Updike, Wilson Collier, and John Craver.

Each boy has a specific task during the game and it is Dee's job to carry water onto the field, and keep up with the kicking tees. Meanwhile John keeps up with the number of quarters each player is in.

Dee wears a steel helment to protect him from a recurrence of an incident at Richmond's City Stadium. As Dee was leaving the stadium he was struck in the head by an errant coke bottle. From that game on he has worn the safety helment.

John, who was a manager when Lane won the 1963 state championship, says, "This year's team was one of the best I've seen.

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